



## Trail Etiquette and Safety Tips

Thanks for taking the opportunity to visit one of James City County trails. The following are suggestions that will help ensure the safety and enjoyment of all users and the care of the trails:

- 1. Hike/ride with a partner.
- 2. Stay alert, be aware of your surroundings and know which trail you are using. If you wear earphones, inserting only one earpiece is suggested so that you will be able to hear if another user is on the trail behind you.
- 3. Stay on the trail. Going off of the trail can damage the environment, threaten wildlife and accelerate erosion. Be considerate of adjacent property owners and do not use their property for trail access without permission.
- 4. Stay to the right and alert others by saying "on your left" when passing.
- 5. It will be helpful to carry a cell phone and a whistle and/or other noise maker, and identification, i.e., name, phone number, pertinent medical information—all are very important in case of an emergency.
- 6. Please refrain from using trails after major storm events until staff has time to ensure they are safe. Visit the County's webpage at <a href="www.jamescitycountyva.gov">www.jamescitycountyva.gov</a> or call one of the telephone numbers below for updates.
- 7. Leave no trace behind! Help keep the trail clean by depositing waste in recycling and trash receptacles.

If you need assistance or have comments or concerns, please call the Parks Office at 757-259-5360, the Park Ranger at 757-592-1665 or email <u>parks.rec@jamescitycountyva.gov</u>. Please call 911 for all emergencies.